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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is in reply to an Office Action dated November 19, 2004. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully petition for a three month extension of time to file this response on or before May 19, 2005 and provides payment of the required fee for a 3 month extension of time in the accompanying transmittal.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the amendments and remarks made herein.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.